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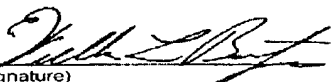
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A. Introductory Comments

Based on the above amendment and remarks to follow, reconsideration of this and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. This amendment is submitted in lieu of a Brief on Appeal and is enterable since it places the application in condition for allowance since it adopts the claims previously noted allowable.

This amendment is a second submission responsive to the Final office action dated July 3, 2003 in which Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102/103 and claims 3, 9 and 11-15 were objected to, but noted allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submitted a Rule 116 amendment in response thereto on October 3, 2003. By an advisory action the Rule 116 amendment was not entered, in response thereto applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on November 3, 2003, with a one month extension of time. A Brief on Appeal, with a two month extension of time, is therefore due on March 3, 2004. However to move this case forward, this amendment is submitted in lieu of a Brief on Appeal and adopts the claims previously noted allowable.

A request for a two month extension of time to respond is enclosed herewith, please charge Deposit Account No. 502874 in the amount of \$339 (two month extension \$210 of time plus two new independent claims \$129).

The claims have been amended as set forth in the next section.